[Shri M. S. Gurupadaswamy]

Sir, two Central teams were sent in the past and the third team has alone gone. The State Government has submitted three memoranda, appealing to the Central Government to assist the State agencies on a very liberal scale. But, unfortunately, the Centre is guided by the out of date norms fixed already to meet the drought situation.

Sir, the State Government has demanded Rs. 271 crores as assistance from the Centre. The Centre has been saying that the assistance should be governed by certain norm which have been established and which have been accepted by the Eighth Finance Commission. According to these norms, the ceiling of assistance will be round about Rs. 54 crores, which is a drop in the ocean. The Government of Karnataka has already spent nearly Rs. 100 crores for relief. Its financial resources have been strained beyond limits. Therefore, Sir, I would like the Central Government to suspend these norms. Even, the Planning Commission has observed that if the calamity is very rare and very severe then the Centre can liberalise. The State Government is pleading with the Centre that all the assistance given for drought should be outside the Plan. Any amount that has already been spent by the State Government should not be included within the Plan. Therefore, Sir, the situation is very grave affecting a majority of districts, majority of the people there. Most of the poor families and the low middle income families have been affected adversely and the drought is continuing for the last 4 years. So it has got to be regarded as a very rare calamity. The distinction that is there between floods, natural calamity and drought should be done away with in the case of Karnataka and I appeal to the Central Government to sanction at least 100 crores of rupees to the Government of Karnataka so that relief work that has been taken up by the State Government may be carried on more effectively.

MR. DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: The House stands adjourned till 2.30 P.M.

The House then adjourned for lunch at thirty-six minutes past one of the clock.

The House reassembled after lunch at thirty-one minutes past two of the clock, **Mr. Deputy Chairman** in the Chair.

THE BUDGET (RAILWAYS) 1986-87

MR. DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: The Railway Budget to be presented by the Railway Minister.

श्री सत्यप्रकाश मालवीय (उत्तर प्रदेश) : मेरा व्यवस्था का प्रश्न है मान्यवर। मैंने सुबह लिखकर सूचना भी दिया था कि जिस रेलवे बजट को और बजट के रिसीट्स एण्ड एक्सपेंडीचर को आज इस सदन में प्रस्तुत किया जाने वाला था,... (व्यवधान)...पाइंट आफ आर्डर है, सर, उसके सिलसिले में मैंने सुबह लिखकर भी दिया है और साथ ही मैंने "फाइनेन्सियल एक्सप्रेस" डेटेड 20 फरवरी, 1986 भी संलग्न किया है। मेरा कहना यह है कि वह समाचार जो 20 फरवरी को छप चुका है और 19 फरवरी को कलकत्ता में लीक हुआ। यह सारे जो बजट परपोजल हैं, सबसे पहले इस देश की संसद में प्रस्तुत किए जाने चाहिए थे और सदन के माध्यम से माननीय सदस्यों को पहले जानकारी देनी चाहिए थी, उससे पहले ही यह रिलीज हो चुके हैं। इसलिए मैंने इस प्रश्न को उठाया था।

MR. DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: Your request is under consideration of the Chairman.

Now, the Railway Minister please.

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA): Sir, I beg to lay on the Table a statement (in English and Hindi) of the estimated receipts and expenditure of the Government of India for the year 1986-87, in respect of [Placed in Library. *See* No. LT- 1985/86].